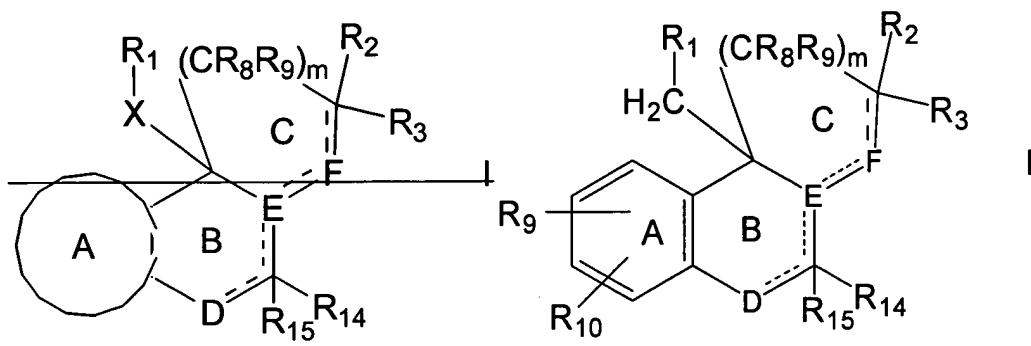


## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I

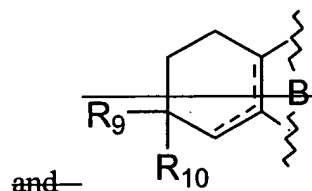
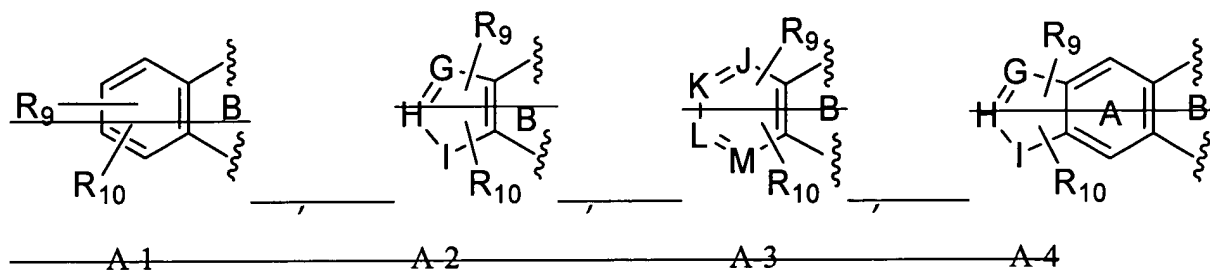


an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug;

wherein m is 1 or 2;

--- represents an optional bond;

~~A is selected from the group consisting of~~



~~and~~  
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D is CR<sub>7</sub>, or CR<sub>7</sub>R<sub>16</sub>, ~~N, NR<sub>7</sub> or O;~~

E is CR<sub>6</sub> ~~or~~ N;

F is CR<sub>4</sub>, or CR<sub>4</sub>R<sub>5</sub> ~~or~~ O;

~~G, H and I together with 2 carbon atoms from the A ring or 2 carbon atoms from the B ring form a 5-membered heterocyclic ring comprising one or more N, O or S atoms; provided that there is at most one of O and S per ring;~~

~~J, K, L and M together with 2 carbon atoms from the B ring forms a 6-membered heterocyclic ring comprising 1 or more N atoms;~~

~~— X is a) absent, b)  $\text{CH}_2$ , c)  $\text{CH}(\text{OH})$  or d)  $\text{C}(\text{O})$ ;~~

~~$\text{R}_1$  is aryl' a) H, b)  $\text{Z}-\text{CF}_3$ , c)  $(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ , d)  $(\text{C}_2-\text{C}_6)\text{alkenyl}$ , e)  $(\text{C}_2-\text{C}_6)\text{alkynyl}$ , f)  $\text{CHO}$ , g)  $\text{CH}-\text{NOR}_{12}$ , h)  $\text{Z}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}_{12}$ , i)  $\text{Z}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}_{12}\text{R}_{13}$ , j)  $\text{Z}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}_{12}\text{Z-het}$ , k)  $\text{Z}-\text{NR}_{12}\text{R}_{13}$ , l)  $\text{Z}-\text{NR}_{12}\text{het}$ , n)  $\text{Z}-\text{O-het}$ , o)  $\text{Z-aryl'}$ , p)  $\text{Z-O-aryl'}$ , q)  $\text{CHOH-aryl'}$  or r)  $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{-aryl'}$  wherein aryl' in substituents o) to r) is substituted independently with 0, 1 or 2 of the following:  $\text{-Z-OH}$ ,  $\text{-Z-NR}_{12}\text{R}_{13}$ ,  $\text{-Z-NR}_{12}\text{-het}$ ,  $\text{-C}(\text{O})\text{NR}_{12}\text{R}_{13}$ ,  $\text{-C}(\text{O})\text{O}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{-C}(\text{O})\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{-C}(\text{O})\text{-het}$ ,  $\text{-NR}_{12}\text{-C}(\text{O})\text{-(C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{-NR}_{12}\text{-C}(\text{O})\text{-(C}_2\text{-C}_6)\text{alkenyl}$ ,  $\text{-NR}_{12}\text{-C}(\text{O})\text{-(C}_2\text{-C}_6)\text{alkynyl}$ ,  $\text{-NR}_{12}\text{-C}(\text{O})\text{-Z-het}$ ,  $\text{-CN}$ ,  $\text{-Z-het}$ ,  $\text{-O-(C}_1\text{-C}_3)\text{alkyl-C}(\text{O})\text{-NR}_{12}\text{R}_{13}$ ,  $\text{-O-(C}_1\text{-C}_3)\text{alkyl-C}(\text{O})\text{O}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{-NR}_{12}\text{-Z-C}(\text{O})\text{O}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{-N(Z-C}(\text{O})\text{O}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl)}_2$ ,  $\text{-NR}_{12}\text{-Z-C}(\text{O})\text{-NR}_{12}\text{R}_{13}$ ,  $\text{-Z-NR}_{12}\text{-SO}_2\text{-R}_{13}$ ,  $\text{-NR}_{12}\text{-SO}_2\text{-het}$ ,  $\text{-C}(\text{O})\text{H}$ ,  $\text{-Z-NR}_{12}\text{-Z-O}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{-Z-NR}_{12}\text{-Z-NR}_{12}\text{R}_{13}$ ,  $\text{-Z-NR}_{12}\text{-(C}_3\text{-C}_6)\text{cycloalkyl}$ ,  $\text{-Z-N(Z-O}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl)}_2$ ,  $\text{-SO}_2\text{R}_{12}$ ,  $\text{-SOR}_{12}$ ,  $\text{-SR}_{12}$ ,  $\text{-SO}_2\text{NR}_{12}\text{R}_{13}$ ,  $\text{-O-C}(\text{O})\text{-(C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{-O-SO}_2\text{-(C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{-halo}$  or  $\text{-CF}_3$ ;~~

~~Z for each occurrence is independently a)  $\text{-(C}_0\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ , b)  $\text{-(C}_2\text{-C}_6)\text{alkenyl}$  or c)  $\text{-(C}_2\text{-C}_6)\text{alkynyl}$ ;~~

~~$\text{R}_2$  is a) H, b) halo, c)  $\text{-OH}$ , d)  $\text{-(C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$  substituted with 0 or 1  $\text{-OH}$ , e)  $\text{-NR}_{12}\text{R}_{13}$ , f)  $\text{-Z-C}(\text{O})\text{O}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ , g)  $\text{-Z-C}(\text{O})\text{NR}_{12}\text{R}_{13}$ , h)  $\text{-O-(C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ , i)  $\text{-Z-O-C}(\text{O})\text{-(C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ , j)  $\text{-Z-O-(C}_1\text{-C}_3)\text{alkyl-C}(\text{O})\text{-NR}_{12}\text{R}_{13}$ , k)  $\text{-Z-O-(C}_1\text{-C}_3)\text{alkyl-C}(\text{O})\text{-O}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ , l)  $\text{-O-(C}_2\text{-C}_6)\text{alkenyl}$ , m)  $\text{-O-(C}_2\text{-C}_6)\text{alkynyl}$ , n)  $\text{-O-Z-het}$ , o)  $\text{-COOH}$ , p)  $\text{-C}(\text{OH})\text{R}_{12}\text{R}_{13}$  or q)  $\text{-Z-CN}$ ;~~

~~$\text{R}_3$  is a) H, b)  $\text{-(C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$  wherein 1 or 2 carbon atoms, other than the connecting carbon atom, may optionally be replaced with 1 or 2 heteroatoms independently selected from S, O and N and wherein each carbon atom is substituted with 0, 1 or 2  $\text{R}_y$ , c)  $\text{-(C}_2\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkenyl}$  substituted with 0, 1 or 2  $\text{R}_y$ , d)  $\text{-(C}_2\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkynyl}$  wherein 1 carbon atom, other than the connecting carbon atom, may optionally be replaced with 1 oxygen atom and wherein each carbon atom is substituted with 0, 1 or 2  $\text{R}_y$ , e)  $\text{-CH=C=CH}_2$ , f)  $\text{-CN}$ , g)  $\text{-(C}_3\text{-C}_6)\text{cycloalkyl}$ , h)  $\text{-Z-aryl}$ , i)  $\text{-Z-het}$ , j)  $\text{-C}(\text{O})\text{O}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ , k)  $\text{-O}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ , l)  $\text{-Z-S-R}_{12}$ , m)  $\text{-Z-S(O)-R}_{12}$ , n)  $\text{-Z-S(O)}_2\text{-R}_{12}$ , o)  $\text{-CF}_3$  p)  $\text{-NR}_{12}\text{O-(C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$  or q)  $\text{-CH}_2\text{OR}_y$ ;~~

provided that one of R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> is absent when there is a double bond between CR<sub>2</sub>R<sub>3</sub> (the 7 position) and the F moiety (the 8 position) of the C-ring;

R<sub>y</sub> for each occurrence is independently a) -OH, b) -halo, c) -Z-CF<sub>3</sub>, d) -Z- CF(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, e) -CN, f) -NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, g) -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)cycloalkyl, h) -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)cycloalkenyl, i) -(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl-aryl, j) -het or k) -N<sub>3</sub>;

or R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are taken together to form a) =CHR<sub>11</sub>, b) =NOR<sub>11</sub>, c) =O, d) =N-NR<sub>12</sub>, e) =N-NR<sub>12</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>12</sub>, f) oxiranyl or g) 1,3-dioxolan-4-yl;

R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> for each occurrence are independently a) -H, b) -CN, c) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo, d) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo, e) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkynyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo, f) -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo, g) -O-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo, h) -O-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkynyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo, i) halo, j) -OH, k) (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)cycloalkyl or l) (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)cycloalkenyl;

or R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are taken together to form =O;

R<sub>6</sub> is a) -H, b) -CN, c) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo, d) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo, e) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkynyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo or f) -OH;

R<sub>7</sub> and R<sub>16</sub> for each occurrence are independently a) -H, b) -halo, c) -CN, d) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo, e) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo or f) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkynyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo; provided that R<sub>7</sub> is other than -CN or -halo when D is NR<sub>7</sub>;

or R<sub>7</sub> and R<sub>16</sub> are taken together to form =O;

R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub>, R<sub>14</sub> and R<sub>15</sub> for each occurrence are independently a) -H, b) -halo, c) (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo, d) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo, e) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkynyl substituted with 0 to 3 halo, f) -CN, g) -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)cycloalkyl, h) -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)cycloalkenyl, i) -OH, j) -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, k) -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl, l) -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkynyl, m) -NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, n) -C(O)OR<sub>12</sub> or o) -C(O)NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>;

or R<sub>8</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> are taken together on the C-ring to form =O; provided that when m is 2, only one set of R<sub>8</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> are taken together to form =O;

or R<sub>14</sub> and R<sub>15</sub> are taken together to form =O; provided that when R<sub>14</sub> and R<sub>15</sub> are taken together to form =O, D is other than CR<sub>7</sub> and E is other than C;

R<sub>10</sub> is a) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 to 3 substituents independently selected from -halo, -OH and -N<sub>3</sub>, b) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkenyl substituted with 0 to 3 substituents independently selected from -halo, -OH and -N<sub>3</sub>, c) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkynyl substituted with 0 to 3 substituents independently selected from -halo, -OH and -N<sub>3</sub>, d) -halo, e) -Z-CN, f) -OH, g) -Z-het, h) -Z-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, i) -Z-C(O)-het, j) -Z-C(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, k) -Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, l)

-Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>-Z-CN, m) -Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>-Z-het, n) -Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>-Z-aryl, o)  
 -Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>-Z-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, p) -Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>-Z-O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, q) -(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl-C(O)OH, r)  
 -Z-C(O)O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, s) -Z-O-(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl-het, t) -Z-O-(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl-aryl, u) -Z-O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl  
 substituted with 0 to 2 R<sub>x</sub>, v) -Z-O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl-CH(O), w) -Z-O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl-NR<sub>12</sub>-het, x)  
 -Z-O-Z-het-Z-het, y) -Z-O-Z-het-Z-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, z) -Z-O-Z-het-C(O)-het, a1) -Z-O-Z-C(O)-het, b1)  
 -Z-O-Z-C(O)-het-het, c1) -Z-O-Z-C(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, d1) -Z-O-Z-C(S)-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, e1)  
 -Z-O-Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, f1) -Z-O-Z-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, g1) -Z-O-Z-C(O)-O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl,  
 h1) -Z-O-Z-C(O)-OH, i1) -Z-O-Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>-O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, j1) -Z-O-Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>-OH, k1)  
 -Z-O-Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>-Z-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, l1) -Z-O-Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>-Z-het, m1)  
 -Z-O-Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, n1) -Z-O-Z-C(=NR<sub>12</sub>)(NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>), o1)  
 -Z-O-Z-C(=NOR<sub>12</sub>)(NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>), p1) -Z-NR<sub>12</sub>-C(O)-O-Z-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, q1) -Z-S-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, r1)  
 -Z-O-SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, s1) -Z-O-SO<sub>2</sub>-aryl, t1) -Z-O-SO<sub>2</sub>-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, u1) -Z-O-SO<sub>2</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>, v1)  
 -Z-NR<sub>12</sub>C(O)OR<sub>13</sub> or w1) -Z-NR<sub>12</sub>C(O)R<sub>13</sub>;

or R<sub>9</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> are taken together on the moiety of formula A-5 to form a) = O or b) =  
 NOR<sub>12</sub>;

R<sub>11</sub> is a) -H, b) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)alkyl, c) -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)cycloalkyl or d) -(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl-aryl;

R<sub>12</sub> and R<sub>13</sub> for each occurrence are each independently a) -H, b) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl wherein 1  
 or 2 carbon atoms, other than the connecting carbon atom, may optionally be replaced with 1 or 2  
 heteroatoms independently selected from S, O and N and wherein each carbon atom is  
 substituted with 0 to 6 halo, c) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl substituted with 0 to 6 halo or d) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkynyl  
 wherein 1 carbon atom, other than the connecting carbon atom, may optionally be replaced with  
 1 oxygen atom and wherein each carbon atom is substituted with 0 to 6 halo;

or R<sub>12</sub> and R<sub>13</sub> are taken together with N to form het;

or R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>14</sub> or R<sub>15</sub> are taken together to form 1,3-dioxolanyl;

aryl is a) phenyl substituted with 0 to 3 R<sub>x</sub>, b) naphthyl substituted with 0 to 3 R<sub>x</sub> or c)  
 biphenyl substituted with 0 to 3 R<sub>x</sub>;

het is a 5-, 6- or 7-membered saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated ring containing  
 from one (1) to three (3) heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of  
 nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur; and including any bicyclic group in which any of the above  
 heterocyclic rings is fused to a benzene ring or another heterocycle; and the nitrogen may be in  
 the oxidized state giving the N-oxide form; and substituted with 0 to 3 R<sub>x</sub>;

R<sub>x</sub> for each occurrence is independently a) -halo, b) -OH, c) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, d)  
 -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl, e) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkynyl, f) -O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, g) -O(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkenyl, h) -O(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkynyl,

i)  $-(C_0-C_6)\text{alkyl}-NR_{12}R_{13}$ , j)  $-C(O)-NR_{12}R_{13}$ , k)  $-Z-SO_2R_{12}$ , l)  $-Z-SOR_{12}$ , m)  $-Z-SR_{12}$ , n)  $-NR_{12}-SO_2R_{13}$ , o)  $-NR_{12}-C(O)-R_{13}$ , p)  $-NR_{12}-OR_{13}$ , q)  $-SO_2-NR_{12}R_{13}$ , r)  $-CN$ , s)  $-CF_3$ , t)  $-C(O)(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}$ , u)  $=O$ , v)  $-Z-SO_2\text{-phenyl}$  or w)  $-Z-SO_2\text{-het'}$ ;

aryl' is phenyl, naphthyl or biphenyl;

het' is a 5-, 6- or 7-membered saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated ring containing from one (1) to three (3) heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur; and including any bicyclic group in which any of the above heterocyclic rings is fused to a benzene ring or another heterocycle;

provided that:

~~1)  $X-R_1$  is other than hydrogen or methyl;~~

~~2) when  $R_9$  and  $R_{10}$  are substituents on the A-ring, they are other than mono- or di-methoxy;~~

~~23) when  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are taken together to form  $=CHR_{11}$  or  $=O$  wherein  $R_{11}$  is  $-O(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}$ , then  $-X-R_1$  is other than  $(C_1-C_4)\text{alkyl}$ ;~~

~~34) when  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  taken together are  $C=O$  and  $R_9$  is hydrogen on the A-ring; or when  $R_2$  is hydroxy,  $R_3$  is hydrogen and  $R_9$  is hydrogen on the A-ring, then  $R_{10}$  is other than  $-O(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}$  or  $-O-CH_2\text{-phenyl}$  at the 2-position of the A-ring;~~

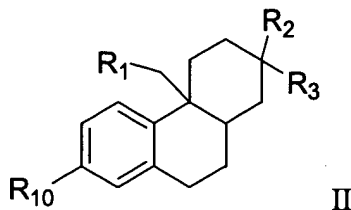
~~5) when  $X-R_1$  is  $(C_1-C_4)\text{alkyl}$ ,  $(C_2-C_4)\text{alkenyl}$  or  $(C_2-C_4)\text{alkynyl}$ ,  $R_9$  and  $R_{10}$  are other than mono-hydroxy or  $=O$ , including the diol form thereof, when taken together; and~~

~~6) when  $X$  is absent,  $R_1$  is other than a moiety containing a heteroatom independently selected from N, O or S directly attached to the juncture of the B-ring and the C-ring.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A compound of claim 1 2, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug; wherein D is  $CH_2$ ; E is CH; F is  $CH_2$ ;  $R_8$  is -H;  $R_9$  is -H; m is 2;  $R_{14}$  is -H; and  $R_{15}$  is -H; ~~and the A-ring is the moiety of formula A-1a.~~

4. (Original) A compound of claim 3 of formula II



an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug;

wherein R<sub>2</sub> is a) -OH or b) -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-het;

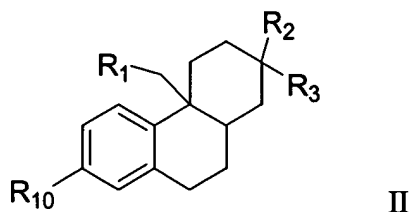
R<sub>3</sub> is a) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 or 1 of the following: -CF<sub>3</sub>, -CN, -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)cycloalkyl, -phenyl or -N<sub>3</sub>, b) -C≡C- substituted with 1 of the following: -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)alkyl, -Cl, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)cycloalkyl, -phenyl or -benzyl; c) -CH<sub>2</sub>OH, d) -CH<sub>2</sub>O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)alkyl wherein 1 carbon atom may optionally be replaced with 1 oxygen atom, e) -CH<sub>2</sub>O(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)alkenyl, f) -CH<sub>2</sub>O(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)alkynyl wherein 1 carbon atom may optionally be replaced with 1 oxygen atom, g) -CH<sub>2</sub>OR<sub>y</sub>, h) -CN or i) -CF<sub>3</sub>;

R<sub>y</sub> is a) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl-CF<sub>3</sub>, b) -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)cycloalkyl, c) -phenyl or d) -benzyl;

or R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are taken together to form a) -1,3-dioxolan-4-yl or b) =NOR<sub>11</sub>;

R<sub>11</sub> is a) -H, b) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)alkyl, c) -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)cycloalkyl, d) -phenyl or e) -benzyl.

5. (Original) A compound of claim 4 of formula II



an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug;

wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, b) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkenyl, c) -phenyl substituted with zero or one of the following: -OH, -NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, -NR<sub>12</sub>-C(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -CN, -Z-het, -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, -NR<sub>12</sub>-Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, -Z-NR<sub>12</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>-R<sub>13</sub>, -NR<sub>12</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>-het, -O-C(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl or -O-SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl; d) -O-phenyl substituted with 0 or 1 of the following: -Z-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub> or -C(O)NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, or e) -CH=CH-phenyl wherein phenyl is substituted with 0 or 1 of the following: -Z-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub> or -C(O)NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>;

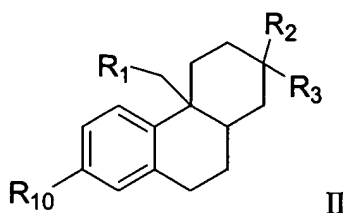
Z for each occurrence is independently -(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)alkyl;

R<sub>10</sub> is a) -CH(OH)(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)alkyl, b) -CN, c) -OH, d) -het, e) -C(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, f) -C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, g) -C(O)-NH-Z-het, h) -O-(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)alkyl-het, i) -O-Z-C(O)-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, j) -O-Z-C(O)-NH-(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl-het or k) -O-Z-C(O)-NH-(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>;

R<sub>12</sub> and R<sub>13</sub> are independently a) -H or b) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl;

or R<sub>12</sub> and R<sub>13</sub> are taken together with N to form het.

6. (Original) A compound of claim 5 of formula II



an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug;

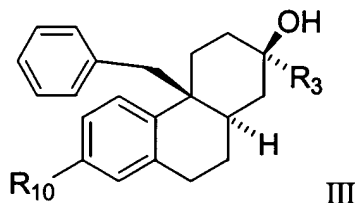
wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, b) -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH=CH<sub>2</sub> or c) -phenyl;

R<sub>2</sub> is -OH;

R<sub>3</sub> is a) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 or 1 CF<sub>3</sub>, b) -C≡C-CH<sub>3</sub>, c) -C≡C-Cl, d) -C≡C-CF<sub>3</sub>, e) -CH<sub>2</sub>O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 or 1 CF<sub>3</sub>, or f) -CF<sub>3</sub>;

R<sub>10</sub> is -OH.

7. (Original) A compound of claim 6 of formula III



a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug;

wherein R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> are as defined in claim 6.

8. (Original) A compound of claim 7 selected from the group consisting of:

2,7-phenanthrenediol, 2-(chloroethynyl)-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-, [2R-(2α,4α,10aβ)]-;

2,7-phenanthrenediol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-propyl-[2R-(2α,4α,10aβ)]-;

2,7-phenanthrenediol,1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(1-propynyl)-, [2*R*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10 $\alpha$  $\beta$ )]-;

2,7-phenanthrenediol,1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(3,3,3-trifluoro-1-propynyl)-, [2*R*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10 $\alpha$  $\beta$ )]-;

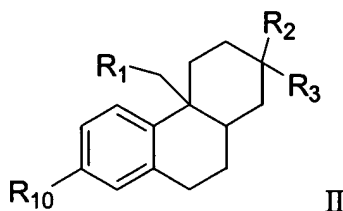
2,7-phenanthrenediol,1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-, [2*S*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10 $\alpha$  $\beta$ )]-;

2,7-phenanthrenediol,1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-2-methyl-4a-(phenylmethyl)-, [2*R*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10 $\alpha$  $\beta$ )]-; and

2,7-phenanthrenediol,1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-, (2*R*,4*aS*,10*aR*)-;

a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug.

9. (Original) A compound of claim 5 of formula II



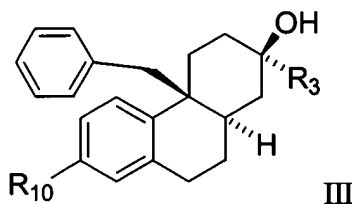
an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug;

wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, b) -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH=CH<sub>2</sub> or c) -phenyl;

R<sub>2</sub> is -OH;

R<sub>3</sub> is a) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 or 1 CF<sub>3</sub>, b) -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub>, c) -C $\equiv$ C-Cl, d) -C $\equiv$ C-CF<sub>3</sub>, e) -CH<sub>2</sub>O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 or 1 CF<sub>3</sub>, or f) -CF<sub>3</sub>;  
R<sub>10</sub> is -CN.

10. (Original) A compound of claim 9 of formula III



a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug;

wherein R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> are as defined in claim 9.



11. (Original) A compound of claim 10 selected from the group consisting of:

2-phenanthrenecarbonitrile, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]; and

2-phenanthrenecarbonitrile, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-propyl-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )];

or a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug.

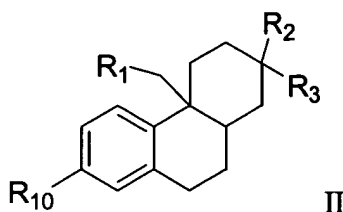
12. (Original) The compound of claim 10 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -CN; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. (Original) The compound of claim 10 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -CN; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. (Original) The compound of claim 10 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -CF<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -CN; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

15. (Original) The compound of claim 10 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -CN; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16. (Original) The compound of claim 5 of formula II



an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug;

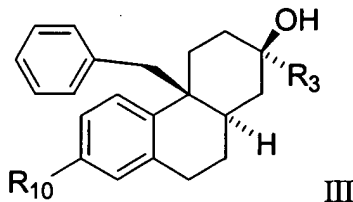
wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, b) -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH=CH<sub>2</sub> or c) -phenyl;

R<sub>2</sub> is -OH;

R<sub>3</sub> is a) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 or 1 CF<sub>3</sub>, b) -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub>, c) -C $\equiv$ C-Cl, d) -C $\equiv$ C-CF<sub>3</sub>, e) -CH<sub>2</sub>O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 or 1 CF<sub>3</sub>, or f) -CF<sub>3</sub>;

$R_{10}$  is -C(O)-NH-Z-het wherein het is selected from the group consisting of a) pyridinyl substituted with 0 or 1 methyl, b) pyrimidinyl, c) pyrazinyl, d) morpholinyl and e) oxadiazolyl; Z is -(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>) alkyl.

17. (Original) A compound of claim 16 of formula III



a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug; wherein  $R_3$  is a) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>, b) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, c) -CH<sub>3</sub>, d) -C≡C-CH<sub>3</sub>, e) -C≡C-Cl or f) -CF<sub>3</sub>;  $R_{10}$  is as defined in claim 16.

18. (Original) A compound of claim 17 selected from the group consisting of:

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-N-(4-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-N-(2-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-N-(3-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-N-2-pyridinyl-, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-N-pyrazinyl-, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-N-3-pyridinyl-, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-N-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-N-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-propyl-, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-propyl-N-(2-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-propyl-*N*-(4-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-propyl-*N*-(3-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-propyl-*N*-2-pyridinyl-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-propyl-*N*-4-pyridinyl-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-propyl-*N*-3-pyridinyl-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-*N*-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-, (4b*S*,7*S*,8a*R*)-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-7-methyl-*N*-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-, (4b*S*,7*R*,8a*R*)-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-7-methyl-4b-(phenylmethyl)-*N*-3-pyridinyl-, (4b*S*,7*R*,8a*R*)-; and

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8a, 9, 10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-*N*-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(trifluoromethyl)-, (4b*S*, 7*R*, 8a*R*)-;

or a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug;

19. (Original) A compound of claim 18 selected from the group consisting of:

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-*N*-(4-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-*N*-(2-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-*N*-(3-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-*N*-pyrazinyl-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-*N*-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-*N*-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-propyl-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-propyl-*N*-(2-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-*N*-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-, (4b*S*,7*S*,8a*R*)-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-7-methyl-*N*-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-, (4b*S*,7*R*,8a*R*)-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-7-methyl-4b-(phenylmethyl)-*N*-3-pyridinyl-, (4b*S*,7*R*,8a*R*)-; and

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8a, 9, 10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-*N*-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-trifluoromethyl-, (4b*S*, 7*R*, 8a*R*)-; or a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug.

20. (Original) The compound of claim 17 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -C(O)-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-(4-pyridinyl); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

21. (Original) The compound of claim 17 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -C(O)-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-(2-pyridinyl); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

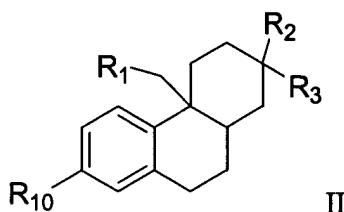
22. The compound of claim 17 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -C(O)-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-(3-pyridinyl); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~The compound~~ The compound of claim 17 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -C(O)-NH-(2-pyrazinyl); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

24. (Original) The compound of claim 17 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -C(O)-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

25. (Original) The compound of claim 17 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -C(O)-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

26. (Original) The compound of claim 17 wherein  $R_3$  is  $-(CH_2)_2-CH_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-C(O)-NH-CH_2-(2\text{-pyridinyl})$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
27. (Original) The compound of claim 17 wherein  $R_3$  is  $-(CH_2)_2-CF_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-C(O)-NH-CH_2-(2\text{-methyl-3-pyridinyl})$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
28. (Original) The compound of claim 17 wherein  $R_3$  is  $-CH_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-C(O)-NH-CH_2-(2\text{-methyl-3-pyridinyl})$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
29. (Original) The compound of claim 17 wherein  $R_3$  is  $-CH_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-C(O)-NH-(3\text{-pyridinyl})$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
30. (Original) The compound of claim 17 wherein  $R_3$  is  $-CF_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-C(O)-NH-CH_2-(2\text{-methyl-3-pyridinyl})$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
31. (Original) A compound of claim 5 of formula II



an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug;

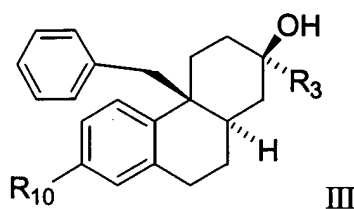
wherein  $R_1$  is a)  $-(C_2-C_4)\text{alkyl}$ , b)  $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$  or c)  $-\text{phenyl}$ ;

$R_2$  is  $-\text{OH}$ ;

$R_3$  is a)  $-(C_1-C_4)\text{alkyl}$  substituted with 0 or 1  $CF_3$ , b)  $-C\equiv C-CH_3$ , c)  $-C\equiv C-Cl$ , d)  $-C\equiv C-CF_3$ , e)  $-CH_2O(C_1-C_3)\text{alkyl}$  substituted with 0 or 1  $CF_3$ , or f)  $-CF_3$ ;

$R_{10}$  is  $-O-(C_1-C_2)\text{alkyl-het}$  wherein het is selected from the group consisting of a) pyridinyl substituted with 0 or 1 methyl, b) pyrimidinyl, c) pyrazinyl, d) morpholinyl and f) oxadiazolyl.

32. (Original) A compound of claim 31 of formula III



a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug;  
wherein R<sub>3</sub> is a) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>, b) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, c) -CH<sub>3</sub>, d) -C≡C-CH<sub>3</sub>, e) -C≡C-Cl or f) -CF<sub>3</sub>;

R<sub>10</sub> is -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)alkyl-het wherein het is selected from the group consisting of a) 2-pyridinyl, b) 3-pyridinyl, c) 4-pyridinyl, d) 2-methyl-3-pyridinyl and e) pyrazinyl.

33. (Original) A compound of claim 32 selected from the group consisting of:

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(1-propynyl)-7-(3-pyridinylmethoxy)-, [2*R*-(2α,4α,10aβ)]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(1-propynyl)-7-(4-pyridinylmethoxy)-, [2*R*-(2α,4α,10aβ)]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(1-propynyl)-7-(2-pyridinylmethoxy)-, [2*R*-(2α,4α,10aβ)]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-7-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methoxy]-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(1-propynyl)-, [2*R*-(2α,4α,10aβ)]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-7-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methoxy]-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-propyl-, [2*R*-(2α,4α,10aβ)]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-propyl-7-(2-pyridinylmethoxy)-, [2*R*-(2α,4α,10aβ)]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-propyl-7-(3-pyridinylmethoxy)-, [2*R*-(2α,4α,10aβ)]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-7-[(2-methyl-4-pyridinyl)methoxy]-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-propyl-, [2*R*-(2α,4α,10aβ)]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-propyl-7-(pyrazinylmethoxy)-, [2*R*-(2α,4α,10aβ)]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-7-(3-pyridinylmethoxy)-2-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-, [2*S*-(2α,4α,10aβ)]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-7-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methoxy]-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-, [2*S*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10 $\alpha$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-7-(2-pyridinylmethoxy)-2-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-, [2*S*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10 $\alpha$ )]-; and

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-7-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methoxy]-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-, (2*R*,4*aS*,10*aR*)-;

or a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug.

34. (Original) A compound of claim 33 selected from the group consisting of:

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(1-propynyl)-7-(4-pyridinylmethoxy)-, [2*R*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10 $\alpha$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(1-propynyl)-7-(2-pyridinylmethoxy)-, [2*R*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10 $\alpha$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-7-(3-pyridinylmethoxy)-2-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-, [2*S*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10 $\alpha$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-7-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methoxy]-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-, [2*S*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10 $\alpha$ )]-

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-7-(2-pyridinylmethoxy)-2-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-, [2*S*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10 $\alpha$ )]-; and

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-7-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methoxy]-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-, (2*R*,4*aS*,10*aR*)-;

or a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug.

35. (Original) The compound of claim 32 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-(4-pyridinyl); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

36. (Original) The compound of claim 32 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-(2-pyridinyl); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

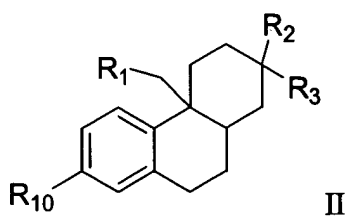
37. (Original) The compound of claim 32 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-(3-pyridinyl); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

38. (Original) The compound of claim 32 wherein  $R_3$  is  $-(CH_2)_2-CF_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-O-CH_2-(2\text{-methyl-3-pyridinyl})$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

39. (Original) The compound of claim 32 wherein  $R_3$  is  $-(CH_2)_2-CF_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-O-CH_2-(2\text{-pyridinyl})$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

40. (Original) The compound of claim 32 wherein  $R_3$  is  $-CF_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-O-CH_2-(2\text{-methyl-3-pyridinyl})$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

41. (Original) A compound of claim 5 of formula II



an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug.

wherein  $R_1$  is a)  $-(C_2-C_4)\text{alkyl}$ , b)  $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$  or c)  $-\text{phenyl}$ ;

$R_2$  is  $-\text{OH}$ ;

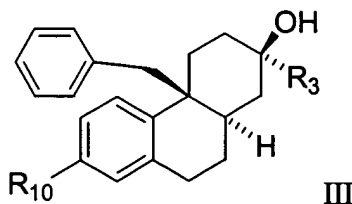
$R_3$  is a)  $-(C_1-C_4)\text{alkyl}$  substituted with 0 or 1  $CF_3$ , b)  $-C\equiv C-CH_3$ , c)  $-C\equiv C-Cl$ , d)  $-C\equiv C-CF_3$ , e)  $-CH_2O(C_1-C_3)\text{alkyl}$  substituted with 0 or 1  $CF_3$ , or f)  $-CF_3$ ;

$R_{10}$  is a)  $-O-Z-C(O)-NH-(C_0-C_3)\text{alkyl}-N((C_1-C_2)\text{alkyl})_2$ , b)  $-O-Z-C(O)-NR_{12}R_{13}$ , or c)  $-O-Z-C(O)-NH-(C_0-C_3)\text{alkyl}-\text{het}$  wherein het is selected from the group consisting of 1) pyridinyl substituted with 0 or 1 methyl, 2) pyrimidinyl, 3) pyrazinyl, 4) morpholinyl, 5) pyrrolidinyl, 6) imidazolyl and 7) oxadiazolyl;

$R_{12}$  and  $R_{13}$  are independently a)  $-H$  or b)  $-(C_1-C_2)\text{alkyl}$ ; or  $R_{12}$  and  $R_{13}$  taken together with N to form pyrrolidinyl;

Z is  $-(C_0-C_1)\text{alkyl}$ .

42. (Original) A compound of claim 41 of formula III





a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug;  
 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is a) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>, b) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, c) -CH<sub>3</sub>, d) -C≡C-CH<sub>3</sub>, e) -C≡C-Cl or f) -CF<sub>3</sub>;  
 R<sub>10</sub> is a) -O-C(O)-NH-(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl-N((C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>)alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, b) -O-C(O)-N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, c)  
 -O-C(O)-(1-pyrrolidinyl) or d) -O-C(O)-NH-(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl-het wherein het is selected from the  
 group consisting of 1) 2-pyridinyl, 2) 3-pyridinyl, 3) 4-pyridinyl, 4) 2-methyl-3-pyridinyl, 5)  
 pyrazinyl, 6) morpholinyl, 7) pyrrolidinyl and 8) imidazolyl.

43. (Original) A compound of claim 42 selected from the group consisting of:

carbamic acid, dimethyl-, 7-(chloroethynyl)-4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-  
 (phenylmethyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, (4b*S*,8a*R*)-;  
 1-pyrrolidinecarboxylic acid, 7-(chloroethynyl)-4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-  
 4b-(phenylmethyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, (4b*S*,8a*R*)-;  
 carbamic acid, [2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-  
 (phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, monohydrochloride, [4b*S*-(4bα,7α,8aβ)]-;  
 carbamic acid, [2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-  
 (phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester,[4b*S*-(4bα,7α,8aβ)]-;  
 carbamic acid, [3-(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)propyl]-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-  
 4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester,[4b*S*-(4bα,7α,8aβ)]-;  
 carbamic acid, [2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-  
 (phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester,[4b*S*-(4bα,7α,8aβ)]-;  
 carbamic acid, [3-(1-pyrrolidinyl)propyl]-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-  
 (phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester,[4b*S*-(4bα,7α,8aβ)]-;  
 carbamic acid, [2-(3-pyridinyl)ethyl]-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-  
 (phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, [4b*S*-(4bα,7α,8aβ)]-;  
 carbamic acid, (2-pyridinylmethyl)-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-  
 (phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, [4b*S*-(4bα,7α,8aβ)]-;  
 carbamic acid, [2-(2-pyridinyl)ethyl]-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-  
 (phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, [4b*S*-(4bα,7α,8aβ)]-;  
 carbamic acid, (4-pyridinylmethyl)-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-  
 (phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, [4b*S*-(4bα,7α,8aβ)]-;  
 carbamic acid, (3-pyridinylmethyl)-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-  
 (phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, [4b*S*-(4bα,7α,8aβ)]-; and

carbamic acid, [2-(4-pyridinyl)ethyl]-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;  
or a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug;

44. (Original) A compound of claim 43 selected from the group consisting of:

carbamic acid, [2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, monohydrochloride, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

carbamic acid, [2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

carbamic acid, (2-pyridinylmethyl)-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

carbamic acid, (4-pyridinylmethyl)-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-; and

carbamic acid, (3-pyridinylmethyl)-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, [4bS-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug;

45. (Original) The compound of claim 42 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -O-C(O)-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-(1-pyrrolidinyl); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

46. (Original) The compound of claim 42 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -O-C(O)-NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

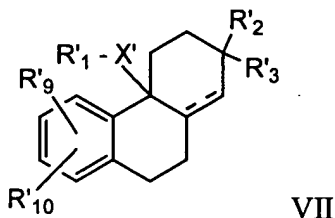
47. (Original) The compound of claim 42 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -O-C(O)-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-2-pyridyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

48. (Original) The compound of claim 42 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -O-C(O)-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-4-pyridyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

49. (Original) The compound of claim 42 wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C $\equiv$ C-CH<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> is -O-C(O)-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-3-pyridyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

50 -54. (Canceled)

55. (Original) A compound of formula VII



or an isomer thereof;

wherein - - - is an optional bond;

X' is -CH<sub>2</sub>-;

R'<sub>1</sub> is phenyl substituted with 0, 1 or 2 R'<sub>x</sub>;

R'<sub>2</sub> is -OH;

R'<sub>3</sub> is a) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl substituted with 0 or 1 R'<sub>y</sub> or b) -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkynyl substituted with 0 or 1 R'<sub>y</sub>;

R'<sub>y</sub> is -CF<sub>3</sub>;

or R'<sub>2</sub> and R'<sub>3</sub> are taken together to form =O;

R'<sub>9</sub> is -H;

R'<sub>10</sub> is a) -halo, b) -C(O)OH, c) -C(O)O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, d) -C(O)-NR'<sub>12</sub>R'<sub>13</sub>, e) -CN, f) -OH or g) -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl;

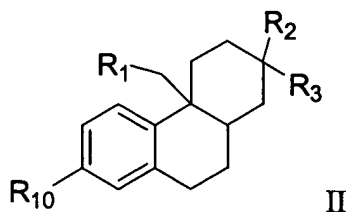
R'<sub>x</sub> is a) -halo, b) -OH, c) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, d) -CN, e) -CF<sub>3</sub>, f) -(C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl-NR'<sub>2</sub>R'<sub>13</sub>, g) -C(O)-NR'<sub>12</sub>R'<sub>13</sub>, h) -NR'<sub>12</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>R'<sub>13</sub>, i) -NR'<sub>12</sub>-C(O)-R'<sub>13</sub>, j) -SO<sub>2</sub>R'<sub>12</sub> or k) -SO<sub>2</sub>-NR'<sub>12</sub>R'<sub>13</sub>;

R'<sub>12</sub> and R'<sub>13</sub> for each occurrence are each independently a) -H or b) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl.

56. (Original) 2(3H)-Phenanthrenone, 4,4a,9,10-tetrahydro-7-bromo-4a-(phenylmethyl)-, (S)-, a compound of claim 55.

57-58. (Canceled)

59. (Original) A compound of claim 3 of formula II



an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug;

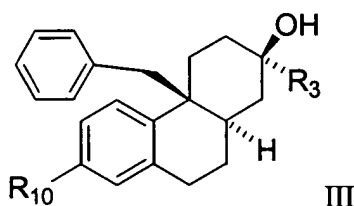
wherein  $R_1$  is -phenyl;

$R_2$  is -OH;

$R_3$  is a)  $-(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituted with 0 or 1  $CF_3$ , b)  $-C\equiv C-CH_3$ , c)  $-C\equiv C-Cl$ , d)  $-C\equiv C-CF_3$ , e)  $-CH_2O(C_1-C_3)$ alkyl substituted with 0 or 1  $CF_3$ , or f)  $-CF_3$ ;

$R_{10}$  is -OH, -CN,  $-C(O)OH$  or  $-C(O)O(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl.

60. (Original) A compound of claim 59 of formula III



a prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound or prodrug;

wherein  $R_3$  is a)  $-(CH_2)_2-CF_3$ , b)  $-(CH_2)_2-CH_3$ , c)  $-CH_3$ , d)  $-C\equiv C-CH_3$ , e)  $-C\equiv C-Cl$  or f)  $-CF_3$ ;

$R_{10}$  is as defined in claim 23.

61. (Original) A compound of claim 60 selected from the group consisting of:

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-C\equiv C-CH_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is -OH; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-C\equiv C-CH_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is -CN; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-C\equiv C-CH_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-COOH$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-(CH_2)_2-CH_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is -OH; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-(CH_2)_2-CH_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is -CN; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-(CH_2)_2-CH_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-COOH$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-(CH_2)_2-CF_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-OH$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-(CH_2)_2-CF_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-CN$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-(CH_2)_2-CF_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-COOH$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-CH_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-OH$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-CH_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-CN$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-CH_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-COOH$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-CF_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-OH$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-CF_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-CN$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and

a compound of formula III wherein  $R_3$  is  $-CF_3$  and  $R_{10}$  is  $-COOH$ ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

62. (Original) A method of treating obesity in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug.

63. (Original) The method of claim 62 wherein the mammal is a female or male human.

64. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent.

65. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of obesity comprising an obesity treating amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent.

66. (Original) A pharmaceutical combination composition comprising: a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising:

a first compound, said first compound being a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug;

a second compound, said second compound being a  $\beta_3$  agonist, a thyromimetic agent, an eating behavior modifying agent or a NPY antagonist; and

a pharmaceutical carrier, vehicle or diluent.

67. (Original) The composition of claim 66 wherein the second compound is orlistat or sibutramine.

68. (Original) A method of treating obesity comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment

an amount of a first compound, said first compound being a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug;

a second compound, said second compound being a  $\beta_3$  agonist, a thyromimetic agent, an eating behavior modifying agent or a NPY antagonist; and

wherein the amounts of the first and second compounds result in a therapeutic effect.

69. (Original) The method of claim 68 wherein the second compound is orlistat or sibutramine.

70. (Original) A kit comprising:

a) a first compound, said first compound being a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent in a first unit dosage form;

- b) a second compound, said second compound being a  $\beta_3$  agonist, a thyromimetic agent, an eating behavior modifying agent or a NPY antagonist; and
- a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent in a second unit dosage form; and
- c) a container for containing said first and second dosage forms; wherein the amounts of said first and second compounds result in a therapeutic effect.

71. (Original) A method of inducing weight loss in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug.

72. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition for inducing weight loss comprising a weight loss-treating amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent.

73. (Original) A method of treating diabetes in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug.

74. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of diabetes comprising a diabetes-treating amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent.

75. (Original) A pharmaceutical combination composition comprising: a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising:

a first compound, said first compound being a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug;

a second compound, said second compound being an aldose reductase inhibitor, a glycogen phosphorylase inhibitor, a sorbitol dehydrogenase inhibitor, insulin, troglitazone, sulfonylureas, glipazide, glyburide, or chlorpropamide; and  
a pharmaceutical carrier, vehicle or diluent.

76. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition as recited in claim 75 wherein the aldose reductase inhibitor is 1-phthalazineacetic acid, 3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-3-[[5-trifluoromethyl)-2-benzothiazolyl]methyl]- or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

77. (Original) A method of treating diabetes comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment

an amount of a first compound, said first compound being a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug;

a second compound, said second compound being an aldose reductase inhibitor, a glycogen phosphorylase inhibitor, a sorbitol dehydrogenase inhibitor, insulin, troglitazone sulfonylureas, glipazide, glyburide, or chlorpropamide ; and

wherein the amounts of the first and second compounds result in a therapeutic effect.

78. (Original) A pharmaceutical combination composition comprising:

therapeutically effective amounts of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug; and

a compound selected from the group consisting of a glucocorticoid receptor agonist, a cholinomimetic drug, an anti-Parkinson's drug, an antianxiolytic drug, an antidepressant drug and an antipsychotic drug; and

a pharmaceutical carrier, vehicle or diluent.

79. (Original) The composition of claim 78 wherein the anti-Parkinson's drug is selected from the group consisting of L-dopa, bromocriptine and selegiline.

80. (Original) The composition of claim 78 wherein the antianxiolytic drug is selected from the group consisting of benzodiazepine, valium and librium.



81. (Original) The composition of claim 78 wherein the antidepressant drug is selected from the group consisting of desipramine, sertraline hydrochloride and fluoxetine hydrochloride.

82. (Original) The composition of claim 78 wherein the antipsychotic drug is selected from the group consisting of haloperidol and clozapine.

83. (Original) A kit comprising:

a) a first compound, said first compound being a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent in a first unit dosage form;

b) a second compound, said second compound being selected from the group consisting of a glucocorticoid receptor agonist, a cholinomimetic drug, an anti-Parkinson's drug, an antianxiolytic drug, an antidepressant drug, and an antipsychotic drug; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent in a second unit dosage form; and

c) a container for containing said first and second dosage forms wherein the amounts of said first and second compounds result in a therapeutic effect.

84. (Original) The kit of claim 83 wherein the anti-Parkinson's drug is selected from the group consisting of L-dopa, bromocriptine and selegiline.

85. (Original) The kit of claim 83 wherein the antianxiolytic drug is selected from the group consisting of benzodiazepine, valium and librium.

86. (Original) The kit of claim 83 wherein the antidepressant drug is selected from the group consisting of desipramine, sertraline hydrochloride and fluoxetine hydrochloride.

87. (Original) The kit of claim 83 wherein the antipsychotic drug is selected from the group consisting of haloperidol and clozapine.

88. (Original) A method of treating anxiety in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a

prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug.

89. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of anxiety comprising an anxiety-treating amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent.

90. (Original) A method of treating depression in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug.

91. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of depression comprising a depression-treating amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent.

92. (Original) A method of treating neurodegeneration in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug.

93. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of neurodegeneration comprising a neurodegeneration-treating amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent.

94. (Original) A method of affecting glucocorticoid receptor activity comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug.

95. (Original) A method of modulating a process mediated by glucocorticoid receptor comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug.

96. (Original) A method of treating a mammal requiring glucocorticoid receptor therapy comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a glucocorticoid receptor modulator compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug.

97. (Original) A method of treating an inflammatory disease in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug.

98. (Original) The method of claim 97 wherein the mammal is a female or male human.

99. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of an inflammatory disease comprising an inflammatory-treating amount of a compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

100. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of an inflammatory disease in a mammal and for reducing the undesirable side effects of said treatment which comprises: administering to said mammal therapeutically effective amounts of a ~~glucocorticoid receptor modulator~~ compound of claim 1, an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug and a glucocorticoid receptor agonist.

101. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 100 wherein the inflammatory disease is selected from the group consisting of arthritis, asthma, rhinitis and immunomodulation.

102. (Canceled)

103. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 100 wherein the glucocorticoid receptor agonist is a compound selected from the group consisting of prednisone, prednylidene, prednisolone, cortisone, dexamethasone and hydrocortisone.

104. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A method of claim ~~100~~ 102 wherein the glucocorticoid receptor modulator is a compound selected from the group consisting of:

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-*N*-(4-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-*N*-(2-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-*N*-(3-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

carbamic acid, [2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-2-phenanthrenyl ester, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-*N*-pyrazinyl-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(1-propynyl)-7-(4-pyridinylmethoxy)-, [2*R*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10a $\beta$ )];

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(1-propynyl)-7-(2-pyridinylmethoxy)-, [2*R*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10a $\beta$ )];

2-phenanthrenecarbonitrile, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-*N*-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(1-propynyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-*N*-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-propyl-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-propyl-*N*-(2-pyridinylmethyl)-, [4b*S*-(4b $\alpha$ ,7 $\alpha$ ,8a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-4a-(phenylmethyl)-7-(3-pyridinylmethoxy)-2-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-, [2*S*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10a $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-7-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methoxy]-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-, [2*S*-(2 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,10 $\alpha$  $\beta$ )]-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-*N*-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-, (4b*S*,7*S*,8a*R*);

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-7-methyl-*N*-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-, (4b*S*,7*R*,8a*R*)-;

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-7-methyl-4b-(phenylmethyl)-*N*-3-pyridinyl-, (4b*S*,7*R*,8a*R*)-;

2-phenanthrenol, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-7-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methoxy]-4a-(phenylmethyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-, (2*R*,4a*S*,10a*R*)-; and

2-phenanthrenecarboxamide, 4b, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8a, 9, 10-octahydro-7-hydroxy-*N*-[(2-methyl-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-4b-(phenylmethyl)-7-(trifluoromethyl)-, (4b*S*, 7*R*, 8a*R*)-;

or an isomer thereof, a prodrug of said compound or isomer, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, isomer or prodrug.